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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 19 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998) and 1203 (1998) of the Security Council (S/1998/1068)

The situation in Africa (S/1998/318, S/1998/1090 and S/1998/1091)*

Other matters

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* With a view to a formal meeting, to be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	62nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fifth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/53/219) [48].

2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft resolution (A/53/L.34) [37].

(continued overleaf)

3. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/288, A/53/315, A/53/421 and Corr.1 (English only));

(b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20, A/53/L.22/Rev.2).

3 p.m.	63rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: draft resolution (A/53/L.16) [59].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84] (A/53/136 and Add.1*, A/53/259, A/53/260, A/53/264, A/53/660, A/53/661, A/C.4/53/L.16 to L.20)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84] (A/53/136 and Add.1*, A/53/259, A/53/260, A/53/264, A/53/660, A/53/661, A/C.4/53/L.16 to L.20)

2. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [83] (A/C.4/53/L.9 to L.15)

* To be issued

SECOND COMMITTEE

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.35 (Cultural development) (item 93 (g)); A/C.2/53/L.13 (Economies in transition) (item 93 (b)); A/C.2/53/L.7 (Corruption and bribery) (item 92 (a)); and A/C.2/53/L.14 (Globalization and liberalization of the world economy) (item 93 (d))

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.57 and L.58

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.28 and L.29

3. Report of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees: questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

Action of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.53

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.35, L.39, L.41 and L.49

5. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.47, L.59 and L.60

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3

Pattern of conferences [117]

Reports on United Nations sales publications (A/51/946, A/52/685 and A/53/669)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32 and Corr.1, A/53/221, A/53/257, A/53/507, A/51/946, A/52/685 and A/53/669))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations of agenda item 121 (United Nations pension system (A/53/9, A/C.5/53/3, A/C.5/53/18 and A/53/511))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

3 p.m.	34th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.3/Rev.1

Establishment of an international criminal court [153]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.9/Rev.1

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.16

Status of Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [146]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.17

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [148]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.19 and Corr.1 (French only)

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* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

* Following the consideration in the 62nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly of agenda item 48 (Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fifth annual report of the International Tribunal).

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 155 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 19 November 1998

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

9.30 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, organized by the delegation of Austria, *today*, 19 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room C. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON SIXTH COMMITTEE MATTERS

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal presentation

There will be a presentation by Dr. Mário Soares, former President of Portugal and current Chairman of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans, on the activities of the Commission and on its report entitled "The Oceans...Our Future". The presentation, organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, will take place *today*, 19 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All interested delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. A briefing for non-governmental organizations will be held *today* from 3.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

GROUP OF 77
(Bali Declaration and Plan of Action on regional and sub-regional economic cooperation)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Symposium

A symposium on a Universal Networking Language (an electronic language accessible to Internet users and compatible with standard network servers), organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies of the United Nations University, will be held *today*, 19 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH) will be held *today*, 19 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) will be held *today*, 19 November 1998, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 20 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	64th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	65th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: draft resolution (A/53/L.16) [59].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 30 November 1998, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40B of 2 December 1977.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend and send messages of solidarity to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibition

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations will present a Palestinian cultural exhibit entitled "Bethlehem 2000," in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Monday, 30 November, to Sunday, 6 December 1998.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for Monday, 30 November 1998, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the film entitled "Al Nakba: Palestinian Catastrophe, 1948" on Monday, 30 November, at 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The same film as well as a film entitled "Journey to Bethlehem 2000", can be viewed at the cultural exhibit area from 1 to 4 December 1998.

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The 1999 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. All Member States are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Group of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room B.

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An informal consultation to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Wednesday, 2 December 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 1998 session from 14 to 18 December 1998 in Conference Room 1. The agenda is contained in document E/C.2/1998/1.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Second session

List of speakers

The second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place in Dakar, Senegal, from 30 November to 11 December 1998. The special segment on ways and means by which the Conference of the Parties could promote timely and effective implementation of the Convention will be held on 8 and 9 December 1998. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties and observers with representation at the appropriate level.

It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

A list of speakers will also be open in Dakar on Monday, 30 November, for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney, tel.: (212) 963-5742, fax: (212) 963-5935).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (organization of work))* on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7

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Informal briefings

In connection with the work of the Intergovernmental Forum of Forests (IFF), an informal briefing by the delegations of Costa Rica and Canada on their intersessional initiative in support of Category III of the programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum (International arrangements and mechanisms to promote management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests) will be held on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing on the informal consultations held on guidelines for sustainable consumption by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Monday, 23 November 1998, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea will hold a briefing on the International Expert Meeting on "Sustainable Consumption Patterns: Trends and Traditions in East Asia" (27-29 January 1999) on Monday, 23 November 1998, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation, organized by the World Bank on "*World Development Report 1998/99*: Knowledge for Development" on Tuesday, 24 November 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Carl Dahlman, Director of the *World Development Report 1998/99*, and Ms. Tara Wishwanath, a member of the report development team, will make the presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on the theme "What's Wrong with Current Economics?", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Tuesday, 1 December 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mr. Paul P. Streeten, eminent economist and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal *World Development*, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 17 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

United Nations Decade of International Law [149]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, Australia, Mozambique, Ukraine, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea and Solomon Islands. The observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross also made a statement.

The Chairperson of the Working Group on the United Nations Decade of International Law made an oral report on the work undertaken by the Working Group and introduced draft resolutions A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1 and A/C.6/53/L.14. The Chairman orally amended draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.14.

The representative of Denmark orally amended draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1 (as orally amended) without a vote.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [154]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Egypt orally amended draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.6/Rev.1.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the financial implications of the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.6/Rev.1

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.6/Rev.1 (as orally amended) without a vote.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Lesotho introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.16 on the item.

33rd meeting

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [152]

The Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the Committee's report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Iceland and Liechtenstein), Malaysia, the Russian Federation, China, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.13

The representative of Cyprus introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.13. He also announced that China, France, Malaysia, Senegal and the United Kingdom had joined the list of sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.13.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.13 was adopted without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

United Nations Decade of International Law [149]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.12

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced oral amendments to draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.12.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.12 was adopted without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.14

Statements in explanation of position were made by representatives of Cuba and Lebanon before the adoption of the draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.14.

Draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.14, as orally amended at the 32nd meeting, was adopted without a vote.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of United Kingdom, France, Sweden, the United States, Japan and Australia after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [146]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.17

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.6/53/L.17 and announced that Chile had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Organization of work

The Chairman and the representatives of the United States and the Russian Federation spoke.

Wednesday, 18 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

61st plenary meeting

Bethlehem 2000 : draft resolution (A/53/L.37) [157]

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of the Holy See in the debate on agenda item 157.

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.37.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Malta, Malaysia, Afghanistan, Cuba, Cyprus, Swaziland, Norway, Yemen, Egypt and Peru.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier during the meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

In connection with draft resolution A/53/L.37, the General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of its rules of procedure.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.37 as orally revised (resolution 53/27).

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote.

The observer of Palestine made a statement

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 157.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [44]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/288, A/53/315, A/53/421 and Corr.1 (English only));

(b) Draft resolutions (A/53/L.20 and A/53/L.22/Rev.2)

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.20.

The representative of Guatemala made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.22/Rev.2.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Norway and India.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 22nd meeting

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Guam (A/53/23 (Part VIII), chapter 12, para. 9)

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Special Committee of 24, made a statement in the course of which he introduced oral amendments to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended, without a vote.

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee decided to incorporate the adopted draft resolution on the question of Guam into the omnibus resolution contained in document A/53/23 (Part VI), chapter X.

Following their introduction by the Chairman, the Committee adopted the editorial changes to be made to the omnibus resolution, as well as to the draft resolution on Guam.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 18.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84]

The Chairman drew attention to the basic documentation relating to the item (A/53/136 and Add.1, A/53/259, A/53/260, A/53/264, A/53/660, A/53/661), as well as to a number of communications relating to the item.

The Chairman also drew attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/53/L.16 to L.20 relating to the item.

The representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, introduced the report of the Committee (A/53/136).

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Egypt, Bangladesh, Austria (also on behalf of the European Union, Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein), the United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam and Oman.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew members' attention to draft resolutions A/C.4/53/L.9 to L.15 relating to agenda item 83 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East).

The Chairman reminded members that the Committee would take action on all the draft resolutions relating to agenda items 83 and 84 at its meeting to be held the following day, 19 November, at 3 p.m.

Statements were made by the representatives of Oman and Indonesia.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 49th meeting

Note: The summary of the 49th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/224).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 29th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone [163]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Canada, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.14.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Pakistan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Ireland, Coordinator of informal consultations on this item, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia and Japan.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13(A/C.5/53/35)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions responded to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.13, an additional appropriation of $94,800 would be required under section 1A (Overall policy-making, direction and coordination) of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999. This requirement would be considered in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 1998-1999.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Uganda, Cuba, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Zambia, the Congo and Indonesia.

The representative of Poland aligned himself with the statement made by the representative of Austria, who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question at this stage.

Human resources management [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Uganda, Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada) and India.

Other matters

The representatives of Algeria drew the attention of the Committee to the budgetary aspects of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.45 which were being considered by the Third Committee.

Following statements by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Syrian Arab Republic, China, Cuba, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Egypt, Pakistan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Uganda, Indonesia, Pakistan, Panama, Canada, Ecuador and India, the Committee, after a suspension of the meeting, agreed to entrust the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to address a letter to the President of the General Assembly on an urgent basis, expressing the concerns of the Committee, requesting him to draw the attention of the Chairmen of the Main Committees to Section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 and to subsequent relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 52/220, as well as to rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Monaco (17 November 1998)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Panama (18 July 1998)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special events

The third United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "The Future of Audio-visual Memory", organized by the Department of Public Information, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy and the Permanent Mission of Japan, will open *today*, 19 November, at 9.45 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti, the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy, H.E. Mr. Lamberto Dini, will address the Forum. Mr. Conrad Black, Chairman, Telegraph Group Ltd., will be the keynote speaker.

Beginning at 10.30 a.m., representatives of the co-sponsoring organizations will make introductory statements. At 12 noon, a Film Directors' Roundtable will include a video appearance by Martin Scorsese and presentations by Gillian Armstrong, Olivier Assayas, Masato Harada, Sidney Lumet, Dariush Mehrjui and Giuseppe Tornatore. At 3 p.m., a panel on "A Century of Images

Which Have Moved the Soul" will be moderated by Bernard Rapp, France Télévision, followed by a panel on "The Controversy on Audio-visual Rights and Standards", moderated by Arnold Vahrenwaldk, European Consortium for Audio-visual Training.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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On Tuesday, 24 November 1998, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) will hold a reading from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., followed by a concert programme, entitled "A World Free of Violence", from 5.45 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjköld Library Auditorium, to mark the eve of the 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women. Writers reading from their works will include E. M. Broner, Marilyn French, Grace Paley and Carol Jenkins. The concert programme will include works by Bach and Fauré. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Also, on Tuesday, 24 November, an inter-agency exhibition, coordinated by UNIFEM, entitled "A Life Free of Violence against Women", will open at the North-East corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building and will be displayed until 3 December 1998 and, from 3 to 11 December 1998, in the first basement of the Conference Building (near the Viennese Cafe).

For more detailed information about these events, please contact the office of UNIFEM (tel.: (212) 906-6339).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 19 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Film screening

There will be a screening of the film entitled "Intimate Portrait: Bella Abzug", *today*, 19 November 1998, at 12 noon, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The screening is organized by the Division for the Advancement of Women, in cooperation with NGO Section of the Department of Public Information. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Africa Industrialization Day

(20 November 1998)

On the occasion of Africa Industrialization Day, the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Dr. Didier Opertti, and the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan, will address the General Assembly on Friday, 20 November 1998, at 10 a.m.

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Signing ceremony

Arrangements are being made for a signing ceremony of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to be held at the Secretariat on Monday, 30 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in room S-3205.

All delegations wishing to sign the Statute on this occasion are requested to submit full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 963-5048, fax 963-3693), for verification and to make appointments for signature.

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